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Dear Department of Justice,

I am shocked and dismayed with the terms offered in the Microsoft settlement. I realize that you feel that this case has gone on for too long, and may hurt the economy. But don't the loses of Novell, Netscape, and Sun effect the economy?

As the Department of Justice for the United States of America don't you want to protect the consumers? When you get out of bed in the morning, doesn't it motivate you to get to work so you can protect the rights of the down trodden? You protect us against the criminals in the world, this is your sworn duty, job, and calling.

Microsoft has harmed me, because I can not buy a computer with the operating system of my choice installed. I am a fan and user of the Linux Operating System. Some 30 percent of servicers on the internet run Linux. Yet, there are no major computer sellers who will install and ship a consumer based computer with Linux installed. Microsoft's OEM contracts forbid companies from shipping any consumer operating system without Windows installed. If I want a new computer, I have to pay for the cost of the Windows operating system, than I have to install Linux myself. The terms of the settlement only mention dual booted systems; however, I have no need for Windows. For a dual boot system, I would still be required to pay for a Windows license.

Now, the courts have declared Microsoft to be a criminal monopolist. At the very least, I would expect them to be punished for their crimes. We, the people, need your protection from Microsoft.

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